Fading Influence

Genesis 19:12-14

**Intro**

Barna Research asked Americans what helps them grow in their faith?

The church and Christianity are fading as influencers of American culture.

**One such factor is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

Genesis 13:10-11 Isaiah 59:2 Genesis 3:24, 4:16, 11:2

**Another factor in our gradually fading influence is in the *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* we keep as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

Proverbs 13:20 1 Corinthians 15:33

**We can lose our godly influence by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Conclusion**

Americans who answer "none" when asked for their religious affiliation are the fastest growing "religious" group in the United States.

How do we do that after looking at Lot’s fading influence:

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Luke 4:16 (NLT)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

May we at First Baptist Church be known as a group that “turned the community upside down,” that we had a positive influence on our neighbors…our friends, those that are like us, and those we happen to meet...

And in everything we do, others would come to know Jesus…